(c) and (d) No, Sir. At present there is no such proposal. However, Western Railway has been asked to conduct a comprehensive study to establish the feasibility of introducing Air Conditioned EMU Services.

Manufacturing hub along Delhi-Mumbai freight corridor

701. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under active consideration of Government to establish a manufacturing hub along 1500 kilometre Delhi-Mumbai rail freight-corridor;

(b) whether any foreign participant would be in this project;

(c) if so, the name of the foreign participant(s);

(d) the estimated cost of expenditure;

(e) by when project preparation is expected to commence; and

(f) whether any time-frame has also been fixed to complete it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (f) It is proposed to develop industrial infrastructure around Delhi-Mumbai Rail Freight. Corridor to leverage the rail and road connectivities. As per the concept report, the Industrial Corridor may have 24 Industrial Nodes (12 Investment Regions and 12 Industrial Areas). Investment opportunities would be presented to domestic and overseas investors alike. Government of India is discussing with Government of Japan about the possibilities of their contribution in the Project Development Fund. The project is expected to start in January, 2008, while the Concept Paper is in the final stages of preparation. Details pertaining to estimated cost of expenditure and time-frame for completion would be decided after the detailed project report is finalised.

Modernisation programme

702. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of railway divisions under all railway zones, zone-wise;

(b) the number and names of divisions identified for modernisation;

(c) the names of the station in various divisions modernised/proposed to be modernized;

(d) the details of the measures taken to complete station modernisation programme timely; and

(e) the details of the new facilities installed/proposed to be installed in various modernised/proposed to be modernised stations in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) There are sixty-seven divisions functioning on sixteen Railway Zones on Indian

Railways at present. One new Division at Salem under Southern Railway has been agreed to in principal. The number of existing divisions in each Railway Zone is as under:

	Name of the Zone & Headquarter	No. of Divisions
1.	Central Railway, Mumbai	5
2.	East Central Railway, Hajipur	5
3.	East Coast Railway, Bhubaneswar	3
4.	Eastern Railway, Kolkata	4
5.	North Central Railway, Allahabad	3
6.	North Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur	3
7.	North Western Railway, Jaipur	4
8.	Northeast Frontier Railway, Guwahati	5
9.	Northern Railway, New Delhi	5
10.	South Central Railway, Secunderabad	6
11.	South East Central Railway, Bilaspur	3
12.	South Eastern Railway, Kolkata	4
13.	South Western Railway, Hubli	3
14.	Southern Railway, Chennai	5
15.	Western Railway, Mumbai	6
16.	West Central Railway, Jabalpur	3

(b) and (c) 334 stations over Indian Railways were identified for the purpose of modernization and giving a facelift during the year 2006-07 and during the current financial year *i.e.* 2007-08, 303 more stations have been identified for the purpose.

Zone-wise list of the 334 stations selected (5 on each Division) for improvement of passenger amenities during the year 2006-07 is as under:

Railway	Name of stations
1	2
CR (25)	Solapur, Ahmednagar, Gulbarga, Wadi, Daund, Pune, Kolhapur, Miraj, Satara, Sangli, Chatrapati Shivaji Terminus, Dadar, Lokmanya Tilak Terminus, Thane, Kalyan, Manmad, Nasik Road, Bhusaval, Khandwa, Akola, Nagpur, Chandarpur, Wardha, Ballarshah, Amla.
ER (20)	Howrah, Barddhaman, Rampurhat, Bolpur, Tarakeswar, Sealdah, Bidhannagar Road, Dum Dum In., Barasat, Ranaghat, Malda Town, Bhagalpur, Jamalpur, Sahibganj, New Farakka, Asansol, Durgapur, Jasidih, Madhupur, Baidyanathdham.

1	2
ECR (25)	Patna Jn., Rajendra Nagar, Ara, Buxar, Mokama, Samastipur, Darbhanga, Raxaul, Motihari, Sitamarhi, Hajipur, Muzffarpur, Barauni, Begusarai, Khagaria, Dhanbad, Koderma, Barkakana, Daltonganj, Parasnath, Mughalsarai, Sasaram, Gaya, Dehri-on-sone, Anugrah Narayan Road.
ECoR (15)	Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Puri, Brahmapur, Bhadrak, Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, Srikakulam, Rayagada, Duvvada, Titlagarh, Kantabanji, Kesinga, Bolangir, Sambalpur
NR (27)	Delhi, New Delhi, H. Nizamuddin, Meerut City, Kurukshetra, Ludhiana, Jalandhar City, Amritsar, Firozpur, Jammu Tawi, Dehradun, Bareilly, Moradabad, Haridwar, Roorkee, Rishikesh, Ambala Cantt., Chadigarh, Shimla, Bhatinda, Saharanpur, Dhuri, Lucknow, Varanasi, Ayodhya, Rai-Bareilly, Prayag.
NCR (15)	Agra Cantt., Mathura, Agra Fort, Raja ki Mandi, Kosikalan, Jhansi, Gwalior, Banda, Orai, Dholpur, Aligarh Jn., Allahabad Jn., Etawah, Kanpur Central, Mirzapur.
NER (15)	Gorakhpur, Lucknow Jn., Gonda, Lakhimpur, Badshah Nagar, Chapra Jn., Siwan Jn., Deoria Sadar, Manduadih, Azamgarh, Haldwani, Lalkuan, Rudrapur City, Kashipur, Mathura Cantt.
NFR (23)	Barpeta Road, Goalpara Town, New Bongaigaon, Rangiya, Dibrugarh Town, New Tinsukia, Mariani Jn., Simaluguri Jn., New Jalpaiguri, Kishanganj, Katihar, Darjeeling, Raiganj, New Alipurduar, Kokrajhar, New Coochbehar, Newmal Jn., Gosaingaonhat, Guwahati, Dimapur, Lumding Jn., Silchar, Hojai
NWR (20)	Ajmer, Udaipur City, Abu Road, Falna, Rani, Bikaner, Hissar, Sri Ganganagar, Bhiwani, Sirsa, Jaipur, Rewari, Alwar, Bandikui, Dausa, Jodhpur, Jaisalmer, Pali Marwar, Barmer, Nagaur.
SR (25)	Chengalpattu, Katpadi, Arakkonam, Tambaram, Triuttani, Erode, Coimbatore, Palghat, Calicut, Mangalore, Ernakulam, Trichur, Quilon, Trivandrum Central, Kanniyakumari, Pondicherry, Virudhachalam, Tiruchchirappalli Jn., Thanjavur, Kumbakonam, Dindigul, Madurai, Tirunelveli, Tuticorin, Virudhunagar
SCR (30)	Ongole, Vijayawada, Rajahmundry, Nellore, Kakinada Town, Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Kazipet, Khammam, Warangal, Kacheguda, Kumool Town, Nizamabad, Basar, Mahbubnagar, Tirupati, Guntakal, Raichur, Cuddapah, Anantapur, Guntur, Nalgonda, Nandyal, Nadikudi, Narasaraopet, Nanded, Aurangabad, Jalna, Parbhani, Partur.
SER (19)	Kharagpur, Balasore, Mindnapore, Santragachi, Mecheda, Tatanagar, Rourkela, Jharsuguda, Chakradharpur, Rajgangpur, Bokaro Steel City, Purulia, Bankura, Bishnupur, Garbeta, Ranchi, Haita, Muri, Ramgarh-Cantt.

1	2
SECR (15)	Bilaspur, Raigarh, Champa, Shahdol, Korba, Raipur, Durg, Bhatapara, Tilda, Bhilai Power House, Gondia, Rajnandgaon, Dongargarh, Tumsar Road, Chhindwara.
SWR (15)	Mysore, Davanagere, Shimoga Town, Hassan, Haveri, Hubli, Belgaum, Vasco, Hospet, Bellary, Bangalore City, Yeshwantpur, Bangalore Cant., Mandya, Tumkur.
WR (30)	Surat, Vapi, Navsari, Bandra Terminus, Mumbai Central, Vadodara, Anand, Nadiad, Bharuch, Ankleshwar, Ratlam, Indore, Dahod, Ujjain, Chittaurgarh, Ahmedabad, Maninagar, Gandhidham, New Bhuj, Palanpur, Rajkot, Surendranagar, Jamnagar, Than, Wankaner, Bhavnagar, Veraval, Porbandar, Junagarh, Gandhigram.
WCR (15)	Jabalpur, Katni, Satna, Maihar, Sagour, Bhopal, Habibganj, Itarsi, Guna, Bina, Sawaimadhopur, Bhawanimandi, Bayana, Bharatpur, Gangapur City.

Zone-wise list of the 303 stations selected for improvement of passenger amenities (covering Touch & Feel items) during the year 2007-08 is as under:

Railway	Name of stations
1	2
CR (22)	Lonavala, Sandhurst Road, Byculla, Sion, Kurla, Vidyavihar, Ghatkopar, Vikhroli, Kanjurmarg, Bhandup, Mulund, Dombivili, Neral, Chalisgaon, Sheogaon, Jalgaon, Badnera, Shivajinagar, Pimpri, Chinchwad, Akurdi and Kurduwadi.
ER (18)	Bandel, Srirampur, Nanadwip Dham, Chinsurah, Pakur, Krishna Nagar, Naihati, Baruipur, Kalyani, Barrackpore, Panagarh, Andal, Kumardhubi, Giridih, Bariarpur, Khalgaon, Barharwa and Jangipur.
ECR (25)	Danapur, Luckeesarai, Barh, Kiul, Jammui, Bettiah, Narkatiaganj, Sagauli, Dauram Madhepura, Saharsa, Mansi, Dalsinghsarai, Naugachhiya, Bhagwanpur, Bhabhua, Rafiganj, Japla, Chandauli, Gomoh, Chandrapura, Hazaribagh Road, Renukoot, Dildarnagar, Garhwa Town and Haidernagar.
ECoR (14)	Palasa, Balugaon, Khurda Road, Talcher, Jajpur Keonjhar Road, Korapur, Bobbili, Parvatipuram, Simhachalam, Chipurupalli, Bargarh Road, Khariar Road, Muniguda and Mahasamund.
NR (22)	Ghaziabad, Rohtak, Faridabad, Gurgaon, Panipat, Jagadhari, Kalka, Patiala, Sirhind, Jaunpur Jn., Sultanpur, Faizabad, Amethi, Unnao, Shahjahanpur, Hardoi, Rampur, Hapur, Chakki Bank, Beas, Jallandhar Cantt and Phagwara.
NCR (14)	Vindhyachal, Fatehpur, Naini, Khurja Jn., Firozabad, Chitrakutdham Karvi, Babina, Lalitpur, Mahoba, Dhaulpur, Achnera, Idgah, Hodal and Kherli.

1	2
NER (14)	Basti, Bahraich, Khalilabad, Sitapur, Lucknow City, Kathgodam, Farukhabad, Ramnagar, Barelly City, Mau Jn., Ballia, Salempur, Gazipur City and Belthra Road.
NFR (22)	Dalkhola, Jogbani, Jalpaiguri, Purnia Jn., Arariya Court, Alipurduar Jn., Srirampur Assam, Gosaigaon Hat, Cooch Behar, Tezpur, Nalbari, Patiladaha, North Lakhimpur, Dhannanagar, Diphu, Kamakhya, Haiborgaon, Bhairobi, Jorhat Town, Furkating, Margharita and Duliajan
NWR (18)	Marwar Jn., Beawar, Sirohi Road, Jawai Bandh, Bhilwara, Gandhinagar Jaipur, Phulera, Sikar, Kishangarh, Suratgarh, Hanumangarh, Lalgarh, Mandi Dabwali, Merta Road, Rai Ka Bagh, Makrana, Balotra and Degana.
SR (22)	Chennai Beach, Ambur, Jolarpettai, Puttur, Sullurupeta, Salem Jn., Tiruppur, Shoranur Jn., Kannur, Thalasseri, Nagercoil Jn., Ernakulam Town, Kottayam, Chengannur, Srirangam, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Mayiladuturai, Karaikkudi, Palani, Rameswaram and Ramanathapuram.
SCR (26)	Anakapali, Bhimavaram Town, Eluru, Samalkot, Tenali, Bhadrachalam Road, Bidar, Parli Vaijnath, Vikarabad, Ramagundam, Gadwal, Jadcherla, Kamareddi, Dharmabad, Yadgir, Gooty, Renigunta, Pakala, Miryalaguda, Giddalur, Repalle, Sattenapalli, Selu, Adilabad, Mudkhed and Purna.
SER (18)	Shalimar, Digha, Panskura, Jaleswar, Ghatsila, Sini, Chaibasa, Manoharpur, Barbil, Muradi, Jhalda, Suisa, Bano, Lohardaga, Burnpur, Barabhum, Kotshila and Chandrakona Road.
SECR (14)	Naila, Pendra Road, Anuppur, Umaria, Ambikapur, Belha, Nipania, Bhilai Nagar, Dalli Rajhara, Amgaon, Balagahat, Chanda Fort, Howbagh (Jabalpur) and Itwari.
SWR (14)	Bijapur, Gadag, Dharwad, Tornagallu, Londa, Arsikere, Birur, Kadur, Tiptur, Harihar, Whitefield, Hindupur, Dharmpuri and Yelahanka.
WR (26)	Dadar, Bandra, Andheri, Borivali, Valsad, Godhara, Miyagam Karjan, Kosamba, Kim, Mhow, Meghnagar, Nimach, Shujalpur, Bhauchau, Dhrangandhra, Kalol, Sabarmati, Viramgam, Bhaktinagar, Hapa, Khambaliya, Dwaraka, Botad, Dhola, Gondal and Keshod.
WCR (14)	Pipariya, Narsinghpur, Sihora Road, Rewa, Damoh, Harda, Hoshangabad, Ganjbasoda, Mandi Bamora, Ashok Nagar, Dakania Talav, Hindauncity, Shamarh and Virkamgarh Alot.

(d) and (e) Necessary directions are issued from time to time to the Zonal Railways for completing the modernization works at identified stations in time. Regular monitoring of the modernization works is conducted at the zonal level and apex level in Board's office.

Details of the facilities installed or proposed to be installed in various modernized/proposed to be modernized stations in Andhra Pradesh are to include the following:

(a) Improved circulating area

(b) Improved concourse

(c) Better Platform surfaces

(d) Improved waiting halls with good toilets

(e) Adequate lighting on Platforms and other conspicuous locations at station

(f) Modern design water booths.

(g) Improved seating arrangements, etc.

Moreover, Secunderabad is one of the 22 stations identified for development as world class stations.

Deficiencies in computerized reservation system

703. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an information technology audit of the Railways computerized passenger reservation system has revealed some serious deficiencies causing wasteful expenditure and inconvenience to the passengers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the corrective measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Information Technology Audit of Indian Railways Computerised Passenger Reservation System has revealed few design deficiencies and certain areas of concern related to system based and manual controls.

Centre for Railway Information System (CRIS), IT arm of the Indian Railways, has initiated necessary corrective measures. Further-fine tuning of software of such a vast scale IT enabled system is an on-going process. As and when any software bug or deficiency is noticed, the same is rectified appropriately on priority.

Gauge conversion in North Eastern Region

704. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of gauge conversion works of railway lines going on in North Eastern Region, during the last three years project-wise;

(b) the details of budgetary allocation made by Government for the region during this period; and

(c) the details of present status of above gauge conversion works in the region?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (c) The details of ongoing gauge conversion works in North Eastern Region alongwith present status is as under:-